

The Second Collection for the weekend of October 20th will be for the **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION**. Please, let's be



**Second Harvest Food Bank** will be held on Friday, October 25th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 8:00a.m.



**Ladies Altar Society News!** If you would like to join the **Ladies Altar Society**, there is a meeting on **Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Anthony Parish Hall. We are always open to new members and the dues are \$10.



St. Anthony Council 7350

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## 2023 Public Fatima Rosary

### OCTOBER 12th @ NOON

#### UNDER THE FATIMA OAK TREE IN FRONT OF ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

#### Bring your lawn chair and join us to pray the Beautiful Rosary of our Lady!



### Hail, Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this our exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.



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#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist*

## St. Anthony Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

**RCIA:** Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Confessions:

30 minuets before 4 p.m. vigil mass or 9 a.m. Sunday mass or by appointment.

#### Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

#### Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

#### Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

#### C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

#### Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

#### Scripture Outline & Reflection

*Gensis 2:18-24;  
Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;  
Hebrews 2:9-11;  
Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12*

Conjugal love, lives in fidelity to God's original plan (1, Ps), is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus (3). Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father (2).

## Not Against Us!

- Mark 9:40 NLT -



May the Lord bless is all the days of our lives.  
-Psalm 128

Reflection Article for 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**“AND THE TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH”**

In the Gospel reading, Jesus addresses the problem of divorce. The Pharisees came to him to ask: “*Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?*” In Rabbinic times, divorce was a burning issue and it took a center stage in their daily conversations. It is therefore not surprising to see the Pharisees coming to ask Jesus and to get his opinion. Anyway, they did this to test him. But Jesus wasn’t going to compromise the truth; for he is the truth of morality. His way of life, his actions, his words and teachings constitute the fundamental moral code for Christian life and living. Jesus always teaches the hard truth—he tells people what they don’t want to hear. The answer he gave to them made them very uncomfortable. Jesus is the truth and voice of morality. In the Jewish culture, chastity was considered to be the greatest of all the virtues. The belief was that, infidelity or unfaithfulness in marriage causes the glory of God to depart. Meanwhile, in Jewish law, women had no legal rights whatsoever. They were more or less like objects or properties to be acquired. The husband who is the head of the house can dispose of his wife almost on any ground.

Consequently, in responding to their question, Jesus appealed to the “*beginning*”—precisely God’s original intention for the sacred institution of marriage. He told them in very clear terms: “*...from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.*” (cf. Mark 10:6-9). This was a tough one for them to accept. But right there lies the truth about marriage and God’s original intention for this sacred institution. Marriage is ordered toward the good and unity of the spouses. The marriage bond is indissoluble. In other words, it cannot be broken. It is a permanent union. The indissolubility of the marriage bond is an imperative commanded by God himself “*...what God has joined together, no human being must separate [not even the spouses themselves].*” God designed marriage to be a permanent institution. The two becoming “*one flesh*” confirms not only the equality of the persons in the union but also the unbreakable bond that the union creates that must never be divided. The first reading presents us with the second account of creation where God instituted marriage as a divine institution.

Genesis, which is the *beginning* to which Christ made his appeal clearly stated God’s original purpose for instituting marriage. “*God said: It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a suitable partner for him*” (Gen. 2: 18). But from all the created things, man could not find a suitable partner. Hence, God forced man into a deep sleep, and while he slept, he took a rib from his side; and formed it into a woman. When God brought her to the man, the man expressed his *original emotion*: “*This one, at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...*” Divorce as it were, is opposed to God’s original plan and intention for the sacred institution of marriage. Sadly, there are many moral forces today in our present day society that pose real threat to this sacred institution—for example, divorce, gay marriage, transgenderism, to mention but a few. Marriage is not what we define it based on our own relative moral categorization but on how God ordained or instituted it. God ordained marriage to be a permanent union between a man and a woman and not otherwise—for God *made them male and female*. Recent study, shows the staggering percentage of divorce cases here in the United States. The Church condemns divorce because Jesus never approves of it. What Jesus advocates is fidelity and a life-long commitment of a loving relationship. Unfortunately, many today are seeking marriages of convenience and not one of total commitment. What characterizes such marriages is: “*For better to stay, for worse to leave.*” The matrimonial consent, which is the form of the sacrament is something that must be well thought out before it is exchanged mutually. The “*I Take you*” is not a contract for two months or two years—but a life-long covenant. Most spouses today continue to suffer the physical and emotional effects of divorce—some for no fault of theirs. We need to offer them our support and prayers. There may be genuine grounds based on diriment canonical impediments whereby the Church can grant annulment—in which case, the marriage is declared null and void—that is, it never existed; but never divorce.

Today, Jesus invites all of us who have embraced the married life to go back to the “*beginning*” in order to have a better appreciation of God’s original intention for the sacred institution of marriage and to re-commit ourselves anew to our marital vows. Marriage is ordered not to divorce but to the mutual good of the spouses. Besides, we must never lose sight of the two essential properties of marriage—unity and indissolubility. No marriage is perfect, but love perfects all things. Marriage must be lived in mutual love. St. Paul admonishes: “*Husbands, love your wives, even a Christ loved the Church... husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself...*” (Ephesians 5:25,28). The commitment of love—love that is pure, genuine and sincere is what makes for a happy marriage devoid of divorce. *Lord Jesus, help all married couples to grow more perfectly in your love, heal all marriages that are on the verge of breaking and those who continue to suffer the emotional pain of divorce. Amen.*

Reflection by:  
**Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu**

**PARISH EVENTS**

OCTOBER 25TH (FRIDAY)  
**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**  
ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL 8:00A.M.

**STEWARDSHIP**

*We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us.  
In gratitude, we have returned to Him.*

Collections for September 28th and 29th

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>
\$ 1,914.81	\$ 792.27

Children’s Collection \$ 15.00

Online Giving \$ 295.00

Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00

**Total Weekly Offering \$ 3,050.08**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>75</b>

<b>ST. ANTHONY</b>	<b>ST. PIUS X</b>
Electric Bill (August)	Electric Bill (August)
\$ 2,815.29	\$ 138.32

**If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.**

**-1 John 4:12**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

4:00 p.m.	Karen & Eugene Touchard Sr. Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory
9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners
11:00 a.m.	Faye Ray Guidry



*Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of*  
*Faye Ray Guidry*

*Prayer Intentions for the sick*

*Millie Daunhauer, Debra Feldman, Trey  
Touchard, Kendel Manor, Claude Mayfield Sr.,  
Lanvin LeBlanc, Adrian Arabie, Ashley  
Bolotte & Amelia Rose Hindman*

*Altar Flowers are in memory of*

*Nelson Perrin*



**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, and Garth Ross Leblanc, Sr.

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